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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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For: METHOD FOR CONNECTING A FIRST USER-TERMINAL TO A SECOND USER-TERMINAL, RELATED DEVICES AND RELATED SOFTWARE MODULES

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, after the title insert the heading **--Background of the Invention--**.

lines 5-7 (according to the line numbering shown), delete the paragraph in its entirety and insert:

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--The present invention relates to a method for connecting user terminals to one another over a network containing a plurality of user-terminals and a respective plurality of network access servers, and also relates to a network access server and subscriber data service for implementing such a method. The invention further relates to a user terminal included in such a network, and to software running on